

The Panther Paradox by Dona A. Schanche (Paperback Library, 95¢) tells how the party has evolved from an organization to end oppression of blacks to its more recent militaristic position. The author opposes the destructive extremes but believes there is a police conspiracy that aggravates them. Portraits of some of the Panthers, including Eldridge Cleaver, with whom the author is close, are both vivid and illuminating.

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